



# ***Milwaukee County Board***

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### **Supervisor Alexander Announces Presentation on Informed Consent for Emergency Response Studies EMS Council to Provide Forum for Public Questions**

Milwaukee County Supervisor and EMS Council Chairwoman Deanna Alexander is creating a forum for public questions regarding informed consent for emergency response studies.

The EMS Council brings together public servants and experts in the field of emergency medical services. At its meeting on Wednesday morning, the Council will hear a presentation from Ken Sternig, Administrator for Milwaukee County EMS, explaining the medical studies going on in Milwaukee County and discussing best practices for obtaining consent from members of the public to be studied.

“Some have raised questions about the ethical propriety of emergency responders and researchers using EMS patients fighting for life in the back of an ambulance as subjects of a medical study, while they are likely in no position to give consent for experimental treatment,” said Supervisor Alexander.

“I have received information that seems to answer a lot of those questions and am creating an opportunity to get those answers out to the public.”

The public is invited to attend the next meeting of the EMS Council at 8:30am on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at the FMLH Conference Center, 8700 W. Watertown Plank Rd. Those with questions who cannot attend are urged to contact Supervisor Alexander at (414) 257-4259 or at [Deanna.alexander@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:Deanna.alexander@milwaukeecountywi.gov) whereby individual responses will be provided and future public discussions in the coming months will be scheduled as needed.

**When: 8:30am on Wednesday, July 23, 2014**

**What: Presentation on Informed Consent for Emergency Response Studies in Milwaukee County and Opportunity for Public Comment and Questions**

**Where: FMLH Conference Center – 8700 W. Watertown Plank Rd.**